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OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR

There Is a Feeling That There Should Montdidier and Noyon. Late yes-Be Some Method Devised of Meeting Cases of Extreme Hardship.

refusing to modify the military man Western members to-day stated that else to report elsewhere on the they are receiving no complaints from their farmer consituents but. THE PEACE OFFER on the other hand, are in receipt of many messages advising them to stand behind the Government.

So far as the House of Commons is concerned, the Unionist members, with a full knowledge of the military. situation as revealed at the recent secret session of Parliament, are

is being strongly supported in its not have received greater attention stand, there is a feeling even among and especially whether President its strongest followers that there Wilson should not have been conshould be some method devised of consulted. meeting cases of extreme hardship, providing this can be done without opening up the question of general exemptions. It is known that the Government has this under advisement was a series where

PENITENTIARY CONVICT

For Shooting at Detectives-John Roberts Has Adventures and Romance.

Toronto, May 15.—For shooting at Detectives Stewart and Cronin, John Roberts, who was already serving a two years' sentence, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Winchester in the Session to six years in Portsmouth penitentiary. The sentence to run concurrently with his previous sentence.

ed that Roberts would be under proper control at the penitentiary, and if the doctors there should find him to be insane he would be sent to an asylum for treatment

the tragedy of Roberts' life. A young that it is absolutely untrue," stated ine there is no pledge or covenant girl from Port Erie became infatuated Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice, with the men at the front? Waat with him and, although Roberts told of Canada, yesterday. her of his past record, she married. The member for Frontenac charghim. After they were married they ed on Monday night that the Chief theirs? Would you realize it? Then lived apart, but when the young girl Justice draws an allowance as a imagine a strip across Ontario from heard of Roberts' arrest in London, member of the Judicial Committee Ottawa westward in which are fightshe came to Toronto to see him. Her of the Privy Council when in fact he ing millions of men. Imagine a great parents learned of her whereabouts does not go to London. and came to Toronto and brought her

>******* LARGE RUSSIAN FORCES IN DON REGION. +

(Canadian Press (Desmatch.) Amsterdam, (May 15 .- The announces to-day that war has 4 groups of great Russian forces + money." of in the Don region, the news- of

the railroad shop machinists and a ada accepting in two successive committee of the Canadian Railway war board to discuss increase in wages will await decision of United the Sttting of the Privy Council when States railroad administration on he did not leave Canada, has excit-

wage question. About one thousand farmers are cal circles. still in Ottawa in the hope that they may yet be heard by the Commons.

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THE FRENCH CAPTURE WOOD ON THE AVRE

German Counter-attack Beaten Off With Severe Losses to the Enemy

Paris, (May 15.—French troops resteray evening attacked German positions near Hailles, on the front below Amiens, and captured the wood or the west bank of the Avre river, it is announced officially. The Germans made a counter-attack and were beaten off with severe losses. During the night there was a violent ompardment north cl Mentdidier and between Montdidier and Noyon. The statement follows:

During the night there was violent bon bardment in the region north of Montdidier and between terday French troops made a vigorous attack on Berman positions scath of Hailles and captured the Ottawa, May 15.—That the coundetermined recistance by file entry approves of the firm stand taken emy. This morning strong German by the Prime Minister yesterday in counter-attack was delivered. After power regulations so as to exempt new positions. They inflicted very agricultural labor, is being made severe losses on the Germans. The strikingly evident by scores of tele- number of prisoners taken is sevengrams which are pouring in from all ty, including an officer. Another enemy offort south of Rollot, southof the provinces. From the west, in east of Montdidier, which was made particular, the Premier's attitude is after a heavy bembardment, met being strongly approved. The posi- with a complete check. North of tion taken by the united farmers of Chemin des Dames the French re-Alberta apparently express the over- against our small posts in the region whelming sentiment of the plains, of La Bevelle. There is nothing

MADE BY AUSTRIA

Will Come Under Review in the British House of Commons.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, May 15 .- The Manchester practically unanimous in the opin- Guardian says that the peace offer ion that the Prime Minister took the made to France last year by Austria. only course possible under the cir- as revealed recently in letters writcumstances. There are a few excepten by Emperor Charles to Prince tions. Some Conservative-Unionists Sixtus, will form the subject of a from Ontario rural ridings, men who debate of the highest importance in have evidently been stampeded by the House of Commons to-morrow. the formidable array of agriculturists Since the publication of the emperwho invaded the Capital yesterday. or's letters, the question has been While, however, the Government raised if the Austrian offer should

Must Be Fought Out. London, May 15 The Government is not opposed to peace, but it is idle to talk about it until the great trial of strength has been fought out on the battlefield." Austen Chamberlain, member of the War Cabinet, de-GETS ANOTHER TERM clared yesterday at a meeting of the Wemen's Unionist Tariff Reform As-

In passing sentence the judge stat-J. W. Edwards.

Ottawa, May 15 .- "I do not know that I have very much to say about A peculiar romance is mingled with the charge of Dr. Edwards, except

don as a member of the Judical Com- could take away. That is what possessed by a viceroy in theory. was a statutory allowance attaching given his first applause.) to my position as member of the The Premier then read a letter re-Vossische Zeitung of Berlin & Judicial Committee, the same as the ceived by Calvin Lawrence from his "Quebec is now lining up with the + as a strong counter-current to + make the vote cover travelling ex- job," it said. "Dad, do all you can to Act in that province.

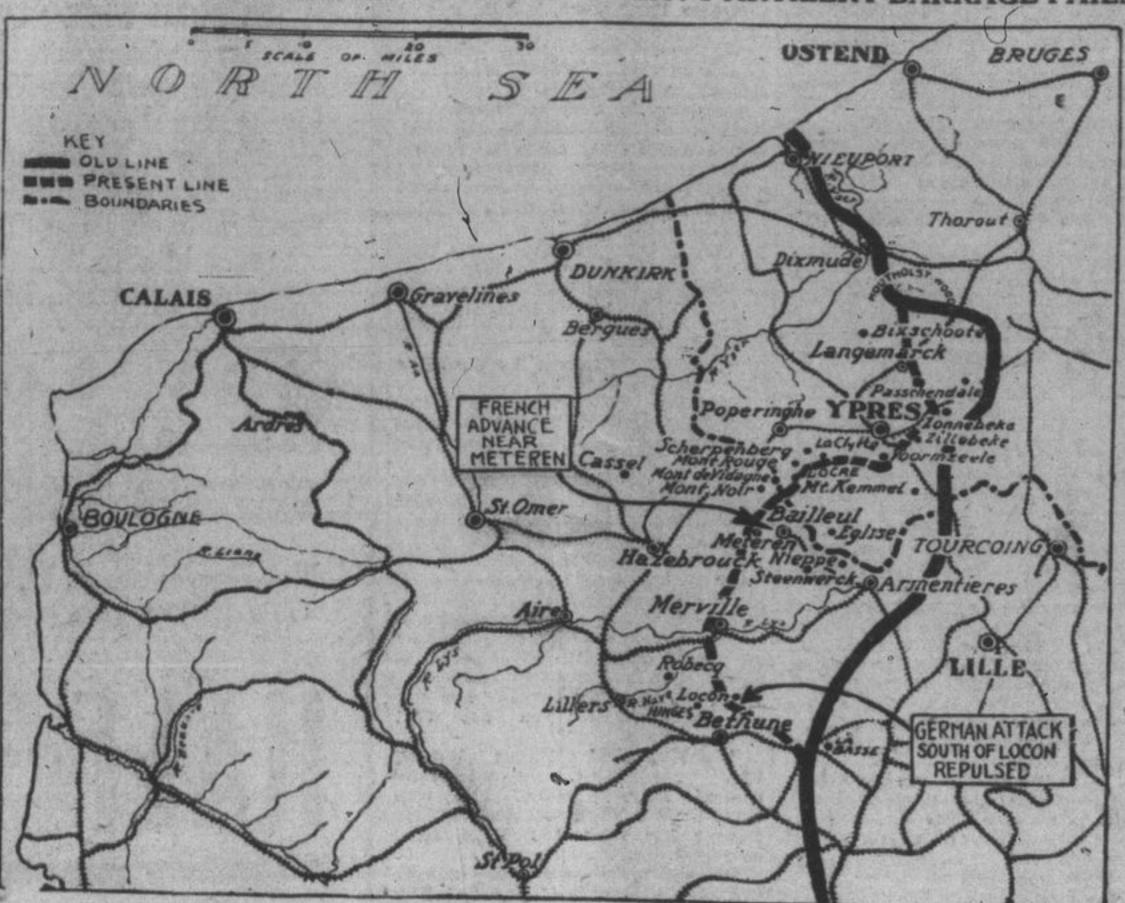
Matter to be Investigated. (Special to the Whig.) Fitzpatrick controversy over the Conference between delegates of ethics of the Chief Justice of Canyears a wote for \$2,500 for traveling expenses to London to attend ed considerable attention in politi-

> There is a feeling among some of he more radical members of the Commons that coming after the ineldent of Col. Labatt, who was foreed to resign from the Pensions Board for accepting a pension, to which, according to general feeling, he was not entitled, in view of the fact that he was in receipt of a \$5,000 a year salary from the Government, that the Sir Charles Fitzpatrick case calls

for further investigation. This feeling was given expression to in the Commons, this morning. when H. B. Morphy, North Perth, asked if it was the intention of the Government to compel Bir Charles to return the money he had drawn

for the two years in question. Sir George Foster, who was leading the House at the time, replied that the matter would be taken into consideration. It is felt that the nchient is not closed.

GERMAN ATTACK UNDER COVER OF A HEAVY ARTILERY BARRAGE FAILS



German troops under cover of a heavy artillery barrage attacked the British positions south of Locon. The statement issued by the War-Office says the attack was completely repulsed. In their operations in the Locre sector French troops made progress and captured more than fifty prisoners. British troops, acting on the right of their allies, also made progress in the neighborhood of Meteren

Borden Makes This Statement the Farmers' Deputations.

BROKEN UP.

"Talking of Pledges, Is There None

the supreme duty of my Government to sustain the line by such reinforcements as may be needed," said Sir Robert Borden in his reply to the farmers' deputation. "How should I face our soldiers, how should you face them when they came home, after being eliminated, after thousands have passed through the hell of a German prison, if we had to tell them Sir Charles Fitzpatrick Replies that we did not reinforce them because we were so busy with the problem of more production? I do not minimize that problem, but we need

men to hold the line. "Talking of pledges, do you imag-"I do not receive any such salary," devasted area of territory here. Im-

> win. There is no retirement here, front. We strid and die if necessary where A sturgeon weighing 170 pounds

MESSAGE OF CANADA'S SONS

TO THEIR MOTHERS AT HOME

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

"It is really you, our mothers, and our homes, for you we

are fighting. When the gift of freedom is ours, then we

will come home and lay it reverently at your feet, for it will

be hallowed by the blood of our comrades. Pray for us.

that this high and holy vision may never fade from our

minds and that we may have conrage and patience to finish

ders battlefront to their mothers in the homeland, far

across the Atlantic. It was sent on Mothers' Day by thou-

sands of boys here, on cards supplied by the Y.M.C.A. -Of-

ficials of that organization report unprecedented demands

night and day, our patrols, infantry, and outposts continue

for stationery on and around that day.

active. The weather has been very wet.

This is the message from Canadian sons on the Flan-

While Canadian guns continue hammering the enemy

our task. What a glorious homecoming then there will be."

Canadian Army Headquarters in France, May 15 .--

In conclusion Sir Robert said: "The men who went overseas early in the war never dreamed that the have stuck to it there, and I ask you to have confidence that the Government is actuated by the same spirit and I pray that you and we may be actuated by the same great After They Had Penetrated British Position spirit of determination."

SUBMARINE WARFARE

DITY Has Progressed Quite Satisfactorily to the Allies.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, May 15.—"On the whoie, TO SEE THAT THE LANE IS NOT the general trend, of the submarine warfare has progressel-quite satis-factorily since the first of January," was the reply of Thomas J. Macnamara, Secretary of the Admiralty, With the Men at the Front?" Ask- to a question as to whether operations in capturing enemy submar-Ottawa, May 15 .- "I regard it as ines around the coast the last three

DROVE GERMANS OUT OF ROSTOV ON DON

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Moscow, May 15 .- Rostov, on Don, the largest city in Don Cossack territory, was recaptured last week by the Russian Soviet troops, who drove out the Germans. The Germans, who had held Rostov for only a day, are retreating.

WILL PUT IRELAND

Practice the Theoretical Powers of Viceroy.

London, May 15 .- "Field Marsha! Lord French is now in supreme home. She broke away from them and stated Sir Charles. "The amount agine women and children passing respondent of the Daily News telecontrol in Ireland," the Dublin coragain came back to see her husband. voted by Parliament now is for over that terrible area conveying graphs, "exendising in practice those traveling expenses when I go to Lon- what little household goods they powers which have always been mittee. When I don't go I do not 364,000 Canadians have gone over- "He will have Kull authority in draw the allowance. There was one seas to save you from. I regard it questions relating to the national year when I drew it. At that time as my most imperative duty to see defence and internal administration, the amount was voted expressly that their line is not broken up." and will but the country for the without reference to expenses. It (At this juncture the Premier was first time on what may be described as a war footing."

amount allowed in my capacity as son overseas as an illustration of the other provinces," slad L. J. Lorandeputy of the Governor-General. Af- spirit animating the men at the ger, K.C., who is in charge of the adterwards the statute was changed to front: "Don't think this is an easy ministration of the Military Service 2,000 PEOPLE DIE the order of things was ob- + penses. When I don't go to London see that men and still more men are Reports from Liege say that Ru-

servable. There are several + why, of course, I do not receive the sent. We need them. Give us lots of manian cawalry massed through that money and men and we can't help but, town on the may to the Belgian Famine Conditions Are Almos

we are. My dear old dad and mother and measuring six feet seven inches. The Or. Edwards-Sir Charles | are in Canada and I'm hanged if I'll | was caught in the Niagara river.

Raids of Enemy Were Repulsed And In Volume.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, May 15.—In an attack on a mile from near Morlancourt, the Germans penetrated the British positions at one place. The Australians later recaptured the lost positions, capturing fifty prisoners.

The German artiflery fire increased on Wednesday morning near Morlancourt, south of Albert, and in Flanders, north of Kemmel, the War Of- British Admiralty Regulation It is believed here that Emperor fice reports. The statement follows: A raid attempted by the enemy last night, north of Lens, was repulsed. We carried out another successful raid northeast of Robecq, Flanders, ON WAR FOOTING The hostile artillery was active dur- Admiralty restriction on navigation Charles' natural counter-proposal hardships of ours can compare with Lord French Exercising in Somme and Ancre, north of Bethume Sea, in consequence of the laying of to Italy instead, as the advantage of and in the forest of Nieppe sector, a great mine field for the purpose of their going to the Western front This morning the enemy's artiflery foiling submarines, became operative would be for Germany alone, and it activity increased southwest of Morlan court and north of Kemmel.

> War Tidings. Germans will probably make the next attack between Labassee and the front south of Amiens, with secondary operations at the same time in Flanders between Montdidier and Noyon.

An official Russian statement says after the occupation of Tammerifors, Finland, by the White Guard, five hundred Russian officers and men were taken out in groups of fifty and shot down with

DAILY IN VIENNA

Insupportable and Press Very Pessimistic.

London, May 15 .- A desplatch to he Times from Milan says that two alian nurses who were made prisoner by the Austrians in a hospital | With the American Army in Considerable importance is also occur in the streets, and a physician yesterday. told them that 2,000 persons were The Americans had been trying for

WHAT ALLIES OWE U.S.

Latest Credits Bring Total Up to \$5,763,800,000.

Great Britain to the United States cans rested in their trenches and en-\$2.955,000,000; France's debt \$1,- loyed a hearty laugh. 655,000,000, and Haly's \$650,000,to \$5,763,800,000.

WANT THEIR FAMILIES SENT BACK TO CANADA

Military Authorities Urge Soldiers to Send Wives and Children Home.

London, May 15 .- The Canadian military authorities on this side of the Atlantic are still unging the return to Canada of the wives and families of soldiers in the overseas force, and apparently the response to the advice is not so quick as the official mind desires. It is pointed out to the men and their wives that it may not be possible to accommodate the dependents of soldiers returning to Canada in the same ship as their military relatives during the ALTHOUGH THE LATTER IS IN period of the war. . Moreover, when demobilization comes, shipping arrangements will render such arrangements impossible. Consequently, the return of women and children remaining here at that period will be greatly retarded.

Much as the return of Canadians' in view of food and house shortage do with reluctance to fall in with the difficial attempt at hustling. We reason can be influencing the enare told that many non-coms. and emy. French opinion is now inclinmust ducur in sending their wives Germans have begun definitely to and families back to Canada. The passage money which a soldier must recognize that the growing strength pay for his returning wife is said to of the allies, through the recent arbe £7 10s, and in some cases there rival in France of substantial British are heavy railroad expenses to fol- reinforcements, together with the low after landing on the other side. The aggrieved Canadians think now respectable number of American wives and families, if returning now, troops in the line, will necessitate should be carried cheaper on trans- the massing of much larger forces if

ITALIAN PRISONERS

Austrians Guilty Most Wanton Inhumanity -Many Starte to Death

ners in Austria are subjected to hor- Western front at least half a milrible outrages, a despatch to the Ital- lion of men which they are known

ed world have such outrages been enemy's difficulty, it is believed, is registered." it says, "The whole thing that the Central Empires cannot seems to be a systematic effort on come to an agreement on the questhe part of Austria to destroy the manhood of Italy. Austria is endeav- tion. The Germans realize that if oring in every possible way to sur- they withdraw their available men

The despatch says Italian prisoners have been stripped and left without supplies as they may secure in those food or care if wounded. Most of regions will not fall into Austrian them die of hunger and of plague, hands. The Austrians, on the other GERMAN ARTHLERY FIRE WAS Tuberculosis is raging and thou- hand, are much too hungry to de-HEAVY WEDNESDAY MORNING, sands of consumptives fill the concentration camps. When their condi- prive themselves by sending their tion becomes desperate the prisoners surplus men to the Western front are returned to Italy in exchange for of the only possible chance of keep-Raids of British Were Successful- Austrian prisoners, whose condition ing out of German hands what they German Fire Has Been Very Fierce in Italian camps has improved. In regard as their legitimate share of For Some Time and Is Increasing the last 300 prisoners sent back to Russian spoils in the form of food-Italy from Austria all were suffering stuffs. from tuberculosis in a very advanced

stage, the despatch declares.

Restricts Navigation in North Part North Sea.

(Canadian Press Despatch) ing the night in the valleys of the in the northern part of the North would be to send this mass of troops to-day, and hereafter all shipping is in Italy only that Austria can In that area must comply with hope to benefit, stringent regulations or ignore them at their own peril. After dark no ship will be allowed within the prescribed area, which lies between the!

mately 22,000 square miles.

ALARM CLOCK KEPT THE ENEMY GUESSING

ted by an Ingenious American Ruse.

treat was in progress, have been alarm clock kept the whole German further mutinies in German divispermitted to return to Italy. They line guessing and caused the German ions on the Western front. say that, present conditions in useless expenditure of large quanti-Vienna are almost insupportable. ties of machine-gun and rifle am-Deaths from exhaustion continually munition all one night, was related

> tain enemy units. "Leave Fritz to me," said a happy- been interned in England. faced young American, who, putting an alarm clock under his arm, disappeared into No. Man's Land under over of darkness and fastened the

clock to a wire. Washington, May 14 .- This Gov- Soon the miarm rang, whereupon ernment yesterday authorized addi- the Germans opened fire. The wire tional credits of \$200,000,000 to had been so arranged that the clock Great Britian, \$100,000,000 to continued to ring intermittently, and France and \$100,000,000 to Italy, each time drew a violent fire from The new credit makes the debt of the enemy. Meanwhile the Ameri-

000, and brings the total debt of for- Cobourg was visited by the Doeign countries to the United States minion Police, but no defaulted I were found.

FAR WORSE PLIGHT.

The Allies' Airplane Work Prevents the Enemy Completing His Plans For Drive-Mutinies in Hun Divis-

Paris, May 15 .- The continued delay in the resumption of the Gerhere, it is possible that the cost of man offensive is giving rise to much men compalin of the expense they ing strongly to the belief that the the coming blow is to be anything

like effective. Experts here take the view that it BRUTALLY ABUSED is only possible for the Germans to draw additional man-power from one of or other of two sources. Either Mackensen must bring another six hundred thousand men from the socalled Russian front, or the Austri-Washington, May 15 .- Italian pris- ans must be induced to send the ian Embassy from Rome, says:

"Never in the history of the civiliz- to have available in Italy. The pass in cruelty and ferocity all of her from the Russian front they will be unable to ensure that such grain

> Austria's Plight Worst, Of the two, Austria is in a far worse plight, for in addition to the menace of absolute famine between now and the end of July, she is faced with the ever-present possibility of immediate revolt by the Czechs and Jugoslavs, should she find herself short of men at a moment when Italy might begin a counter-offensive for the purpose of relieving pressure on the Western front.

William, at the interview at German Field Headquarters yesterday. brought strong arguments to bear on the Austrian Sovereign to induce him to send to Flanders half a mil-London, May 15 .- The British lion men now massed on the Tyrol

Good Work of Airmen.

Another reason for delay which is put forward here is that the enemy coast of Norway and Scotland, and has been so blinded by the extraorany vessel finding itself there half dinarily successful airplane work of an hour after sunset must anchor in the allies during the past two or accordance with the Admiralty directihree weeks that it has become practically impossible for him to com-The regulations include strict plete his plans for resumption of the rules affecting all except warships offensive. His recent losses included entering and leaving ports of North- no fewer than seven hundred of his eastern Scotland as well as the Ork- best pilots, which is the figure reney and Shetland Islands. The vast ported by prisoners. This must be barrier, which seems to have been fatal for the time being, it is argued, over-estimated in extent in earlier under modern conditions of warfare. reports, is now said to cover approxi- Reports from all quarters agree that for some time past not a single enemy observation airplane has been able to cross our lines. This and the fact that there has been absoluate cessation of air attacks on ondon and Paris appear to confirm the belief German Batteries Were Loca- that it is through lack of means of observation that the enemy is hesitating to engage against forces as to whose strength and disposition he

is ignorant. near Gradisca while the October re- France, May 15 .- How an American attacked here to recent reports of

Exchanged For von Buclow.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, May 15 .- Dr. Beland was buried duffy in the principal ceme- some time to draw the fire of cer- exchanged for von Buelow, son of a former German Chancellor, who has

SELECTED MONARCHS

FOR CAPTURED LAND

an Liess nesberch') London, May 15 .- The Austrian and German emperors, at their meeting at the German great headquarters, the German newspapers say, selected monarchs for Lithuania, Courland, Esthonia and Poland.